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On instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter of the Permanent Representative of Iran to the United Nations (S/25431), I have the honour to reject categorically the allegation that the Iraqi side is protecting and supporting the infiltration of Iranian opposition elements into Iran. What is most likely is that the Iranian opposition elements present throughout the length and breadth of Iran organized such an attack from Iranian territory. As you are aware, these allegations come at a time when all parts of Iran are witnessing a huge wave of discontent and anarchy as a result of the domestic and foreign policies of the rulers of Iran, which has led the Iranian regime to shift the responsibility for the actions of the Iranian resistance beyond its frontiers, in accordance with its well-known custom. It is not improbable that these Iranian allegations are a cover to justify the Iranian crime committed on 13 March 1993, when six Iranian military aircraft carried out a raid on an Iraqi civilian hospital in the northern area of Raniyah (S/25473).

These Iranian claims and allegations cannot cover up or justify Iran's blatant and repeated violations of the provisions of the cease-fire, the most recent being the crime referred to in the above-mentioned document, for the commission of which the Iranian regime bears full responsibility. It is the duty of the United Nations to call on it to refrain from the commission of such violations in the future.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
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